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May 7, 1997

Todd Erickson
Box 125
Elmo, Idaho 83312

Re: Unpermitted Mining Operation, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Erickson:

On May 6, 1997, Division staff came upon your unpermitted mining operation while conducting routine field inspections in the Grouse Creek area of Box Elder County. Approximately 1 (one) acre of affected/disturbed area was estimated to be associated with this site. The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act (Title 40-8) requires that *any* mechanized mining related activity must be permitted with the state before mining operations are commenced. The Act applies to all lands within the state (private, federal, and State leased lands).

If the project is 5 (five) or less acres, a Small Mining Operations Notice must be filed with our office. If the project goes over five acres, a Large Mining Notice must be submitted along with a reclamation surety. As this site is currently under five acres, we have enclosed a Notice of Intention to Conduct Small Mining Operations form (MR-SMO). Please complete this form and submit it to this office immediately. Also enclosed is a copy of the Minerals Rules for your reference.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (801) 538-5286, or Lynn Kunzler of my staff at (801) 538-5310 immediately. Thank you for your cooperation and immediate attention in resolving this permitting action.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosure: Rules, MR-SMO
cc: Lynn Kunzler, DOGM
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